

# The Redbud

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## President's Message

Happy February Garden Club Members,

Can you believe the dry month we are having? After getting off to such a good start and hoping for a normal rain year, it all seems to have evaporated. I may have to restart my irrigation pump awfully soon.

Thank you, Chris, for such a great field trip last week. We went to the home of Susan Gouveia in Alta Sierra where she prepared a good, very unusual lunch for us and showed us her garden, consisting entirely of raised beds; after all, she lives on the side of a red clay hill where the soil is awful.

I have received Barry Friesen's annual invitation to his "50,000" daffodils at Dawn Gardens in Grass Valley for March 19. We had a very enjoyable, formal tour at his place last spring; it is a very worthwhile place to visit.

In January I ended up worrying for nothing about getting rain on meeting day, so this month I'm going to presume sunshine and have made arrangements to eat at one of the places who received \$1250 of our grant money. It is Compassion Planet (also called Deer Creek Farm) in Rocklin. It is on Pacific St. close to the Rocklin Rd. intersection. I'll give more instructions at the meeting. I think you'll like this place because as well as a large garden full of winter veggies, they also have an extremely nice gift shop. There are also a couple of good picnic tables on which to eat our lunches in the garden.

In case you're not familiar with Rocklin, it is only about a ten -minute drive down the freeway. And, being on Pacific St. also called Taylor Rd., I am suggesting that we return home via Taylor and make a stop at Gene Goldsmith's home in Penryn after our lunch. He has graciously agreed to this. Many people had requested seeing his gardens because they missed our visit last year. So, we will have a busy afternoon. See you next week.

- Rick Krach, President

## This Month's Speaker

What's new in the gardening world? Our annual visit from Trey Pitsenberger, owner of Golden Gecko Garden Center in Garden Valley, is always informative and entertaining! Also, bring your cash, as he will bring plants to sell.

## February/March Calendar

February 22	Club meeting, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1279 High Street, Auburn, 9:00am
March 28	Club meeting, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1279 High Street, Auburn, 9:00am

**Next meeting: Monday, Feb. 22**

## **Annual Plant Sale**

Our annual plant sale takes place at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 9 a.m. –1 p.m. Volunteering to work at this event is a great opportunity for all members, new or long-time, to become acquainted with other members, help the club, learn, and have fun while doing it! Please be assured –**no experience is necessary!** Each new volunteer will work with an experienced one and get plenty of direction. Here are the areas and times where you can help:

<u>Date</u>		<u>Description &amp; Location</u>
Sat., 4/23	6:15 a.m.	Meet at church and help put up signs at various locations
Sat., 4/23	6:30 a.m.	Help set up canopies, string tape, etc., in parking lot
Sat. 4/23	6:30 a.m.	Unload and help organize plants in parking lot (with direction)
Sat., 4/23	9a.m.-1p.m.	Taggers (count plants for cashiers) at sale, each to work 2-hour shifts (great for new members!)

All plants for the sale are donated, so pot up those plants now, bake your cookies, tell your friends, and come to the sale!

If you are donating plants, please bring them to the church from 7-8 a.m. on Saturday morning, 4/23. No outdoor plants may be delivered on Friday. If you have plants and cannot deliver them, please call Richard Huntley at 530-823-8087.

### **For bake sale and indoor plants only:**

Last year, all cookies and brownies sold; all small loaves sold, so bake the small ones please. Cookies and brownies sell best in small quantities, no more than 12 small, or six medium to a package, and cupcakes in quantities of six; flavors (lemon, strawberry, chocolate) sell better than white. Please package in clear bags or boxes, label each item, and indicate nuts or no nuts.

We will be at the church on Friday, 4/22 from 11-2 to receive any items for the bake or crafts sale, indoor plants, and food items for the volunteers. If you are unable to deliver on Friday, please bring on Saturday by 8 a.m. **We are unable to store any outdoor plants in the church on Friday.**

There will be another signup table for all of the above, near the food table, at this month's meeting.

We can't stress enough how valuable all of you are as members, and how important it is for you to become

involved, while especially enjoying being in the Auburn Garden Club. If you have any questions about any of the above, please feel free to call me (Karen) at 530-823-3409, or email me at [tchosull@inreach.com](mailto:tchosull@inreach.com).

**All proceeds from this sale to benefit the Auburn Garden Club Grants Program.**

**Please get involved - no experience necessary!  
Thank You!**

Auburn Garden Club Minutes  
January 25, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by President Rick Krach. Other officers present were Vice President Erin Angulo, Secretary Lynne Fagundes and Treasurer Susan Pruess. Rick led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 53 members and guests present. Two inspiring quotes were read by Inspiration Chairman Lorene Accurso. The November minutes were approved. Susan Pruess reported an ending checkbook balance of \$5922.60.

**Old Business:**

The Hostess Committee was complimented on the terrific Christmas Party at Awful Annie's Restaurant in December.

New members were enlightened about what Penny Pines contributions are used for.

**New Business and Announcements:**

Claudia Duncan volunteered to chair the 2016-2017 nominating committee. She and her committee will present a slate of potential officers in March and the membership will vote in April. Master Gardener Kortne Phillips announced the 1st Annual Garden Fair to be held at the Auburn Fairgrounds April 2. The Master Gardeners website, PCMG.UCANR.org will have information about times and the many activities. The 31st Annual Mother's Day Garden Tour will be on May 8 in the Auburn area this year. There is room for additional garden sites if members have suggestions.

Monna Ruskauff brought a brochure telling of the Monarch Butterfly Sanctuary in Pacific Grove. The best months to visit are November to January.

Erin Angulo told us of the Folsom Garden Club "Camella Day" on February 27, which is free and will include a tour of the Murer House. Check out the newsletter on their website.

Donner Garden Club's San Francisco Flower & Garden Show bus tour is on March 16 and the cost is \$58.00. Contact Geri Godsey, 530-885-5140 evenings, for reservations or information. The bus will depart Auburn at 7:30 a.m.

Lunch today will be in Saul and Julie Wiseman's garden after a brief board meeting.

**Committee Chair Reports:**

**Field Trip Chair** Chris Hansell announced a tour and catered lunch from the garden of Susan Gouveia on February 8th. We will carpool from KFC on Grass Valley Hwy. at 10:45 a.m. The cost will be \$25.

**Hospitality Chair** Virginia Rowley thanked Ruth Peterhans, Billie True, Chris Kreps and Claudia Duncan for the treats for break time. More people need to sign up for future treats.

**Membership Chair** Carlos Angulo introduced guests Janet Lawler, Debbi Arlington, Judi Sutter and Jan White.

**Publicity and Plant Sale Chair** Richard Huntley told us of recent newspaper submissions. Our Spring Plant Sale will be held on April 23rd and members need to be starting specimens from their gardens to sell. There will be a planning meeting at his home on Feb 16 at 9 a.m. and all are welcome to attend. Labels, soil, pots, etc are available from Garth. Some members will assist Claire Gumz in digging plants in the yard of a contributor.

**Propagation Chairman** Saul Wiseman will have his regular monthly meeting to start new plants. Please bring pruners and plant cuttings.

**Sunshine Chairman** Claire Gumz reminded members to let her know who is in need of cards of

cheer.

**Horticulture Chairman** Rick Krach led a discussion of plants brought to the meeting today & current yard problems.

The meeting was adjourned at 10 a.m. for a break followed by a fascinating talk and slide show by Peggy Beltramo about butterflies and their habitat. There will be milkweed starts to buy at the Spring Plant Sale.

Lynne Fagundes, Secretary